10th October 1928]

Alleged refusal of scholarship to Miss Amina in the Queen Mary's College.

*491 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Mappilla lady student named Miss Amina studying in the Queen Mary's College or her father applied to Government for a scholarship for her and whether it was refused on the plea that her father's income was about Rs. 450 per mensem;

(b) what is the principle on which scholarships are granted to Mappillas—is it for their poverty or to encourage education among them, or for both purposes;

(c) whether Miss Amina is the first and perhaps the only Mappilla girl who has taken to higher education so far; and

(d) who furnished the Government with the information of her father's income and whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to enquire again and ascertain whether the income comes up to more than Rs. 100 per mensem?

A.—(a) An application on behalf of the student was received by Government. The Director of Public Instruction has now awarded an ordinary scholarship to Miss Amina.

(b) In awarding scholarships to Mappillas, both considerations are taken into account.

(c) The Government are informed that Miss Amina is the first Mappilla lady to attend a college

(d) In view of the answer to clause (a), no further enquiries are necessary.

Local Boards

Nomination of increased number of ladies to local boards.

*492 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many local boards Indian ladies have been appointed as members;

(b) whether the Government propose to nominate very early Indian ladies in other local bodies also; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the advisability of nominating more than one lady to each local body?

A.—(a) With regard to district boards the hon. Member should have been able to obtain the information he requires from Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette* which is supplied to all Members of the Legislative Council. Indian ladies have been nominated to ten district boards. Appointments of members of taluk and union boards are made by the presidents of district boards and presidents of taluk boards respectively and the Government are not in possession of the required information with regard to them.

(b) & (c) The policy of Government is to nominate Indian ladies to municipal councils and district boards as opportunities offer.